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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lhing-Yew Li, et al.



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PATENT APPLICATION

POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONSTRUCTS
ENCODING ASPARTATE KINASE,
ASPARTATE-SEMIALDEHYDE
DEHYDROGENASE, AND
DIHYDRODIPICOLINATE REDUCTASE
AND RELATED CONSTRUCTS, PRODUCTS,
AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Steadman, David J.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed on May 1, 2006 and having a shortened statutory deadline for reply of August 1, 2006. It is believed that no extension of time is necessary for this response to be timely. If an extension is required, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from Deposit Account No. 02-4800 in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC. The Examiner's objections and rejections in this case have been carefully considered and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested. Applicants' response takes into account the requirements of 37

C.F.R. § 116 and is intended to place into condition for allowance those claims previously indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments being on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 10.